



AT CHRISTMAS TIME

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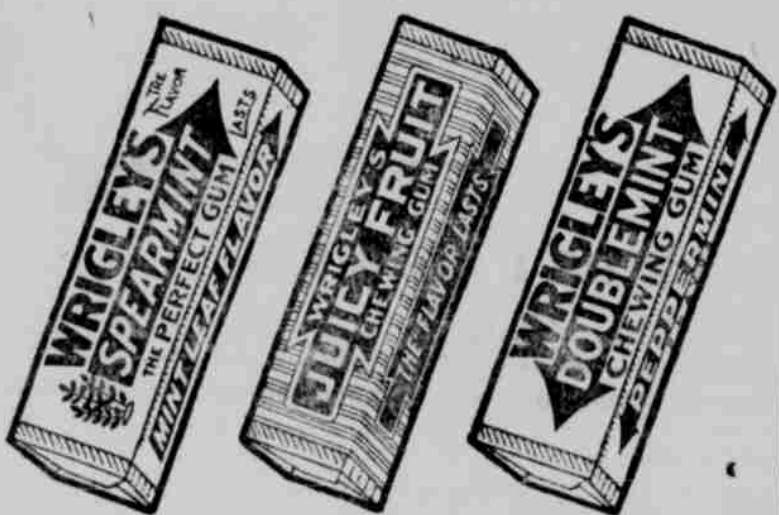
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PRETTY LEGEND OF CHRIST

Old-Folk Tale Relates That Stars Danced and Birds Sang on Day of His Birth.

When the child of Nazareth was born the sun, according to the Russian legend, "leaped in the heavens and the stars around it danced. A peace came over mountain and forest. Even the rotten stump stood straight and healthily on the green hillside. The grass was hallowed with open blossoms, incense sweet as myrrh pervaded the air and forest, birds sang on the mountain top and all gave thanks to the great God."

It is naught but an old-folk tale, but it has truth hidden at its heart, for a strange, subtle force, a spirit of genial good will, a new-born kindness, seem to animate child and man alike when the world pays its tribute to the "heaven-sent youngling," as the poet Drummond, calls the infant Christ.

When the three wise men rode from the east into the west on their saddles-bows were three caskets filled with gold and frankincense and myrrh, to be laid at the feet of the manger-craddled babe of Bethlehem. Beginning with this old, old journey the spirit of giving crept into the world's heart. As the magi came bearing gifts, so do we also; gifts that relieve want, gifts that are sweet and fragrant with friendship, gifts that breathe love, gifts that mean service, gifts inspired still by the star that shone over the City of David 2000 years ago.

Then hang the green coronet of the Christmas tree with glittering bangles and jewels of flames; heap offerings on its emerald branches; bring Yule logs to the firing; deck the house with holly and mistletoe.

"And all the bells on earth shall ring on Christmas day in the morning."

—Kate Douglas Wiggin.

TO TRIM A CHRISTMAS TREE

Pretty Trimmings and Decorations Can Be Made in Almost Any Home at Slight Expense.

As to trimming the Christmas tree, first of all, don't trim your tree with cotton batting and lighted candles, as there is always danger in this combination, and "safety first" should be the slogan in all Christmas festivities.

You can purchase a whole lot of pretty decorations for your tree at the shops, and these come very cheaply, too. But almost any home can furnish the decorations for a really lovely tree without very much expense, and there is no reason why every family where there are children should not have their Christmas tree.

Strings of popcorn and red cranberries looped from the branches make an effective decoration. And strings of yellow field corn gleam beautifully in the Christmas light. Cressets, stars and hearts cut from heavy cardboard and covered with silver and gilt, or even colored paper, and ornaments of bright colors filled with candy and popcorn are very pretty. Form cotton batting into balls the size of an orange and cover with orange-colored crepe paper, twist tightly and tie to the tree with a bit of narrow ribbon. These are pretty on the tree and look like oranges.

It is best to place all the larger packages under the tree, tying only the smaller gifts which are tied up in brightly-colored paper to the branches. In this way the tree will not look crayed and denuded when the gifts are distributed, and it may be kept a long time for the children to enjoy.

USE OF EVERGREENS.

The use of evergreens at Christmas time is older than the Christmas tree, the Christians seeming to have copied it from their pagan ancestors. In a very old book we find this reference to the use of evergreens at Christmas time: "Against the feast of Christmas every man's house, as also their parish churches, were decked with holly, ivy, bayes, and whatsoever the season of the year afforded to be green. The conduits and standards of the streets were likewise garnished; among which I read that in the year 1414 by request of thunder and lightning, toward the morning of Candlemas day, at the Leadenhall, in London, a standard of tree, being set up in the midst of the pavement, fast in the ground, railed full of holly and ivy, for disport of Christmas to the people, was torn up and cast down by the malignant spirit (as was thought) and the stones of the pavement all about were cast in the streets and into divers houses, so that the people were sore against at the great tempest."

HYMN FOR CHRISTMAS.

O! lovely voices of the sky
Which hymned the Saviour's birth,
Ye angels singing still on high,
Ye angels sing "Peace on earth!"
To us yet speak the strains
Which in time gone by
Ye choired the Syrian wastes,
O! voices of the sky!

Be clear and shining light whose beams
Shed from heaven's glory shed,
Send the palms and o'er the streams,
And on the shepherd's head.
Be near, through life and death,
As in that holiest night
O'er hope and joy and faith—
O! clear and shining light!

—Felix Mendels.

A Rather Vague Order.
A Wisconsin boy wrote to Santa Claus as follows: "I would like a air rifle, a pair of Indian pipes, a mouth organ, a Christmas tree and some candy and nuts that is all a game of checkers for." It's a little vague, but we hope Santa will be able to fill the order.

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